

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Smith, Toby E., and Cooper, Craig L.)

Serial No.: 10/658,622)

Filing Date: 9/9/03)

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
REDUCING THE RISK OF DECUBITUS
ULCERS)

GAU: 2832)

Examiner: Unknown)

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UNDER 37 CFR 1.8

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir or Madam:

The amendment that follows is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.115, prior to issuance of a First Office Action on the merits. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the amount of \$219.00 to Deposit Account 060540 to cover the cost of the new claims added via this Amendment. It is believed that no other fee is occasioned by the filing of the instant paper. However, if it is determined that any fee, including extension of time fees, must accompany this filing, please consider this filing a request for same and our authorization to charge the deposit account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 06-0540, therefor.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER
Under Small Entity Status

Attorney Docket No: 67179/03-
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Application Serial Number:
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 2832

Invention: Apparatus and Method For Reducing the Risk of Decubitus Ulcers

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

| | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT | RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------|--|--------------------------------|------|-------------------|
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 35 | MINUS | 20 | 15 | \$9 | \$135 |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | 6 | MINUS | 4 | 2 | \$42 | \$84 |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT | | | | | | \$219.00 |

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been previously established.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$_____ is attached.
- Charge \$219.00 to Deposit Account 060540. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for processing against this account.
- No additional fee is required.

9/16/2003

Date


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